

THE LINK

MARCH 2024

Dear Church Family,

Words are not enough to convey how much you have meant to Angela and me. You have blessed us in so many ways. Your words of encouragement and affirmation have meant more than you realize.

Words of thankfulness do not come close to expressing our true gratitude to you. Thank you for the meaningful fellowship last Sunday afternoon and all the expressions of love showered on us. Thank you for your gracious acceptance and affirmation of this most difficult of decisions. Thank you for your understanding. Thank you for your trust in God. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. Thank you for allowing Angela to have such a meaningful and productive ministry. More than anything, thank you for allowing God to do all He has done!

We will miss our First Baptist Camden family.

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace."

Beyond 1201,

Pastor Rusty

GUEST SPEAKERS MARCH

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| 3 | Bryant Sims
Chief Operations Officer with
SC Baptist Convention (SCBC) |
| 10 | Scott Shields
Director of Associational Relations with SCBC |
| 17 | Chaplain (Major General)
Doug Carver
Executive Director of Chaplaincy for NAMB |
| 24 | Pastor Phillip Gerrald
FBC Associate Pastor |
| 31 | Dr. Tony Wolfe
Executive Director-Treasurer with SCBC |



for current events and activities, more information and links to register
firstbaptistcamden.org/whats-new

First Celebrations with Pastor Phillip

- The Ladies Retreat at the lake was fabulous. Great food. Great fellowship. Wonderful speaker! It all came together, people were blessed and God was honored.

- The Nominating Committee has a big challenge ahead, but they are on it. Continue to pray for them as they seek God's will.

- You're never too old for Game Day! The Young at Heart had a wonderful time playing. Keep an eye out for the next one.

- The Acteens had a great time at the lake for the Acteens Retreat. Bonds were strengthened, fun was plentiful and God was at work among the girls.

- The reception, drop-in, send off, fellowship for the Shulers was all those things. Heavy hearts and smiling faces ruled the day. Great men and great women will be missed greatly. Rusty and Angela fall into that category. Praise God for our time together.

- Praising the Lord for new choir members! Love to continue that praise next month! Join us!

- There was a profession of faith last Sunday which brings the number of people awaiting baptism up to nine. Easter Sunday is going to include baptism. Don't miss it.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
Isaiah 43:19



Easter

AT FIRST BAPTIST CAMDEN

COME CELEBRATE WITH US

MARCH 24	PALM SUNDAY We will Observe The Lord's Supper During Worship at 10:30 am
MARCH 31	EASTER SUNDAY Worship at 8:45 & 10:30 am A Light Breakfast Fellowship will Replace Sunday School Between Services Baptism Celebration During 10:30 am Worship

WEEK OF PRAYER IS MARCH 17-24



Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

OUR CHURCH'S GOAL: \$30,000

GUEST SPEAKER ON MARCH 17
General Douglas Carver
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHAPLAINCY, NAMB



Baptism Celebration

Easter Sunday

Contact the Church Office to Participate

Welcome to the Family



Ed & Fran Stokes

BUILDING COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Informational MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 3
6:00 PM – FELLOWSHIP CENTER

LADIES brunch

APRIL 13 • 10:00 AM

Register at tinyurl.com/FBCLadiesBrunch24

\$10 . ages 10 & under are free . childcare available upon request

REFIT REVOLUTION WORKOUT CLASS

Led by Stephanie Pettus



Multipurpose Room
Upstairs in the
Children's Building

NOW AVAILABLE!

Tuesdays - 6:30-7:30 pm
Thursdays - 9:30-10:30 am

GUYS RETREAT

CROWDERS RIDGE

March 8 • 10

6TH - 12TH GRADE

DEADLINE IS MARCH 3

[TINYURL.COM/FBCGUYSRETREAT24](https://tinyurl.com/FBCGUYSRETREAT24)

GIRLS IN GRADES 6-12

ACTEENS

SUNDAYS 4-5:30 PM

UPSTAIRS IN THE CHILDREN'S BLDG.

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT @ FIREFLIES

APRIL 28 - 5:00 PM

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

Lifeway

VBS

JUNE 3-6

CONTACT STEPHANIE CALDWELL FOR
OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!



RA RACER 500

Wednesday, March 6
6:30-7:30 pm

Fellowship Center

ADMISSION IS FREE, BUT WE ASK
THAT YOU BRING IN A NEW
MATCHBOX OR HOT WHEELS CAR
IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD.

VBS FAMILY WORK DAY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
9AM -12PM

MEN'S BREAK FAST

Join Us For Food & Fellowship

APRIL 20
8:30 - 10:30 AM

[TINYURL.COM/FBCMENSBREAKFAST20](https://tinyurl.com/FBCMENSBREAKFAST20)

2024

Cola WARS

JULY 22-24

WORSHIP TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
SERVE ONCE/TWICE A MONTH
CONTACT PASTOR TOMMY TO HELP!



MARCH 2024

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:15 am - Sunday School - Bible Studies 10:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Kids Worship 4:00 pm - Acteens
Monday
6:00 pm - Ladies' Exodus Bible Study
Tuesday
9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Seamless Bible Study 6:30 pm - Refit Revolution Workout Class
Wednesday
10:00 am - Ladies' Exodus Bible Study 3:00 pm - Children's Reading in Library 4:15 pm - Handbell Practice 4:45 pm - Wednesday Night Supper 6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting & Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm - Youth WNL 6:00 pm - Preschool & Kids Choirs 6:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal 6:30 pm - RAs, GAs, & Mission Friends
Thursday
6:45 am - Men's Bible Readers Encouragement Group at Chick-fil-A 9:30 am - Refit Revolution Workout Class
Saturday
6:30 am - Men's Accountability (Zoom)

UPCOMING EVENTS

3	SUNDAY 6:00 pm - Building Committee Informational Meeting
6	WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm - RA Racer Event
8-10	FRIDAY - SUNDAY Guys Retreat
9	SATURDAY Young at Heart Trip
10	SUNDAY Daylight Saving Time - Spring Forward
12	TUESDAY 10:00 am - Heartshapers & Rope Holders Mtg.
24	SUNDAY Palm Sunday - Observe The Lord's Supper During Worship 4:00 pm - Women in Action 4:30 pm - Love, Serve, Give
26	TUESDAY 11:45 am - Young at Heart
31	SUNDAY Easter Sunday Worship at 8:45 & 10:30 am Fellowship Between Services

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Minister.....Every Member
Associate/Admin Pastor.....Phillip Gerrald
Minister to Students.....Clint Ellis
Minister of Music.....Tommy Sunderland
Director of Children's Ministries
.....Stephanie Caldwell

Support Staff:

Office Manager/Bookkeeper.....Tracy Collier
Pastor's Ministry Assistant.....Angie Black
Administrative Assistant.....Amber McCaskill
Communications Director.....Tiffany Ellis
Tech Director.....Douglas Smith
Facilities Manager.....Chase Sutton
Kitchen Manager.....Jason Baccommo
Childcare Center Director.....Amy Shivar

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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FEBRUARY TOTALS

Monthly Budget.....\$156,116
February Giving.....\$124,414
Year to Date Budget.....\$312,232
Year to Date Giving.....\$253,722

Average Sunday School Attendance..392
Average Worship Attendance.....475

February Designated Funds

Annie Armstrong.....\$310
Building Fund.....\$25
CLC Project.....\$300
Gideon Offering.....\$927
Kids Ministry.....\$125
Sacks of Love.....\$325
WMU.....\$145
Young At Heart.....\$25

JOIN US | NOW OPEN 4:45 – 5:45 PM

Wednesday Night

SUPPER

Effective
March 13th

Adults will now be \$7
Kids (3 – 10) will remain \$3
Both include ICE CREAM!

**YOUNG
AT HEART**
55+

March 9
Young at Heart Trip

March 26
11:45 am - Ham
Fellowship Center
\$8 at the door